



Edition 18 – November 14TH 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum Report

This past month we have been putting all the jigsaw pieces of our 2023 work together to begin creating whole school maths documentation for P-6. This will assist with planning, teaching and learning next year and beyond. The documentation will continue to be monitored and adjusted next year when in use, but is designed to ensure consistency across our year levels. Our maths documentation is now set out in 3 clear and easy to follow levels, so if we have new staff, whether they are graduates or experienced teachers, they will know what maths looks like at MPS.

The 'jigsaw' pieces we have been working on and developing as a whole school this year include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Collaborative planning meetings. This is where year level teams meet with me for an hour a week to discuss two key areas. They are, what do we want students to learn, and how do we know if they have been successful.
- Classroom observations. These have started up again this term, focusing on a particular area of teaching and learning.
- Improving our whole school maths documentation with the support of Donna R and Eliza as a part of the PMSS (Primary Maths and Science Specialists) work.
- PD around many areas, but mostly the 'Big Ideas' in maths, where we understand what the key makers we are looking for in each year level.
- Beginning to examine the new Victorian Curriculum that comes in at the beginning of 2025.

We are really excited to see how all this work we have completed this year assists with the teaching and learning at MPS in 2024 and beyond.

Pete Harris, Learning Specialist

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year we will be running a Christmas Raffle. The money raised from the raffle will fund the Colour Run (being held Friday 15th Dec) rather than students having to collect sponsors for the event. Raffle tickets and further information will be sent home with students later in the week so keep a look out for those.

First prize is a \$900 Christmas hamper!! Hamper items include:

- White goods (air fryer/ nutribullet/ sandwich maker)
- Signed new release book called 'Chocolate All Day' from Kirsten Tibballs, the chocolatier from Masterchef and currently on Dessert Masters
- Cookbook from Nice Stack of Books
- Christmas ham, Christmas pudding and shortbread from the CWA.



PREP BEACH EXCURSION

Parents of Prep students are required to consent and pay for the Beach excursion through Compass events by November 30th. If you have any trouble doing so, please contact the office.

CALENDAR

Current 14/11 – 28/11

- 14th Nov** - School Council, 6pm
- 27th Nov** - Curriculum Day (pupil free)
- 28th Nov** - Book club orders due

Upcoming

- 5th Dec** - Prep Beach Excursion
- 5th Dec** - School Council, EoY
- 7th Dec** - Yr 6 Graduation
- 12th Dec** - Statewide Transition Day
- 13th Dec** - Final assembly with school awards
- 14th Dec** - Yr 6 Pool Party
- 15th Dec** - Class parties
- 15th Dec** - Colour Run
- 19th Dec** - Last day for students
- 20th Dec** - Last day Term 4, Pupil free

BOOKCLUB

The final Book Club catalogue for the year was distributed last week. Orders must be placed by 9am, Tuesday 28th November so that the order arrives in before school finishes for the year. When placing your order, there is a 'Gift' option to tick should you like to be notified with a phone call once the order has arrived. If you use this option, I would suggest also emailing Janelle.smedley@education.vic.gov.au to ensure that the order is held at the office for you.

GRADUATION

Grade 6 Graduation / Farewell – Thursday 7th December

5.30pm - meal for students and staff in the Supper Room at the Meeniyen Town Hall

7.00pm - formalities (speeches and presentation of gift) all MPS families are invited to attend

A note with further details will be sent home with Year 6 students in coming weeks.

STUART'S CUP

Congratulations to all the children who participated in Stuart's Cup and a big thank you to all who helped out on the day. The sun was shining, and the smiles were big. It was great to see so many families there to support the children in memory of an active and vibrant student from years gone by.

A special thank you to Heather McCaughan for celebrating Stuart's life with us for the whole day and Craig McCaughan for his support on the day and kind words when presenting the cup to Waratah for the second year running. Congratulations Waratah.



Another big thank you goes to our house captains for all their efforts in the lead up and on the day. It can be challenging to balance having fun, encouraging, being fair and winning and you all did a tremendous job.

Thank you for the Meeniyen Recreation Reserve for hosting our growing school again. We think the new set up worked a treat.

Any feedback to make this event would be welcome so please contact myself through email. Rebecca.Browne@education.vic.gov.au

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

From October-March each year I spend many hours at the end of a pool with a stop watch in my hand. We listen for – take your marks, set and then look for the light and the starting beep – we hit the button and then for 30-60 seconds I have bursts of conversation with the person on the time keeping chair next to me.

I love these conversations even if there are interrupted to stand up, peer over the pool edge and press stop and record the times.

One day, I had a wonderful stop- start conversation with a mum from Wonthaggi between races she shared a morsel of wisdom that the principal of her son's high school shared at a Year 7 information night. He asked the parents to give their children at least their first year of high school 'phone free'. He did not just talk about the distraction the phone can be to a child's study but also the distraction this can be from life – stealing opportunities for genuine warm interactions and awkward silences from our young people's rite of passage.

When making decisions about when my kids access technology – I always ask myself 'what is the trade off?'
Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

1KM RUN CLUB

On Monday's many of our students have been joining Miss Giliam for a 1km run on the rail trail.

Each student gains 5 points each time they run, a bonus 5 for a PB and 3 for an equal PB.

This week we had 24 runners- Archie and Lenny came in first together in a quick 4min and 30 seconds. Tarkyn, Tyler H, Isabelle, Lenny, Fergus, Ben, Peyton, Isla, Lola, Dakota, Lily, Angus, Ryker, Cleo, Claire and Chelsea all scoring bonus points with a PB.

Tarkyn is currently in the lead with 33 points, Lenny second on 28 points and Archie and Fergus equal third on 25 points – all participating in all the 1km runs.

It is fantastic to see all the kids out there running the trail and thank you so much to Miss Pattern who was champion cone collector this week!

A BIG THANK YOU

Over the long weekend we had some fairies come in and put in a new Cricket Pitch.

A big thank you to the MDU Cricket Club for all their hard work sourcing the pitch, ripping up the old one and installing the new. The kids are loving it in all their play times and it has been awesome to be able to run PE classes on the new pitch already.



Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Bug Blitz Excursion



Colour Run T-shirt & Sunglasses Order Form

(Last chance orders – must be in by Friday 17th November)

Items \$5 each

Student/s Name:	T-shirt size	Sunglasses
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total enclosed \$ _____ (cash preferred)

BELEZA PAKENHAM

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TRADING HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am – 1:00pm

2023 VIP SALE
20% OFF*
AVAILABLE IN STORE ONLY*



***CONDITIONS APPLY**

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount. Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only.



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ To ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.